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SUBJECT: 1975 FOOD CROP PROTECTION CAMPAIGN

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE FIRST REPORT OF ACTIVITIES RECEIVED FROM OSRO CONCERNING THE 1975 EMERGENCY SAHELIAN CROP PROTECTIONCAMPAIGN COORDINATED BY OSRO.

A. ALMOST ALL THE PESTICIDES COSTING DOLLARS THREE MILLION HAVE EITHER BEEN DELIVERED FOR RECIPIENTS OR ARE ENROUTE FROM EUROPE. SAME UNIMOGS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED AND OTHER ARE IN HIGH SEAS. SPRAYING EQUIPMENT HAS ALSO BEEN SHIPPED OR AIRLIFTED AND SOME DUSTING BELLOWS AND BAGS HAVE BEEN ORDERED LOCALLY. VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT VALUED US \$1 MILLION. BUDGETARY ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY OSRO FOR SOME INLAND TRANSPORTATION AIR OPERATIONS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR TRAINING COORDINATION, MONITORING AND REPORTING AND \$420,000 HAVE BEEN PROVISIONALLY BUDGETED THESE LAST ITEMS.

B. THE UNITED KINGDOM CENTRE FOR OVERSEAS PEST RESEARCH (COPR) HAS SECONDED TO OSRO A TEAM OF THREE SPECIALISTS FOR SEVEN MONTHS TO ASSIST IN THE COORDINATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL CROP PROTECTION SERVICES OF THE 7 SAHELIAN COUNTRIES AND THE REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OCLALAV AND OICMA. THE TEAM LEADER MR. G. B. POPOV WILL ARRIVE DAKAR 22 MAY TO LAUNCH THE PROGRAM DESCRIBED BELOW. HE WILL BE JOINED

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WITHIN 2 WEEKS BY HIS 2 COLLEAGUES. THEY WILL TRAVEL

INCESSANTLY THROUGHOUT THE SAHEL. IN MALI, NIGER AND UPPER VOLTA THE TEAM WILL BE FURTHER ASSISTED BY THE OSRO AGRONOMISTS CURRENTLY POSTED TO THE CEREALS LOCAL PURCHASE OPERATIONS.

C. WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE 1976 CAMPAIGN THE TEAM WILL BE CONCERNED WITH COORDINATION AND ADVISORY ASSISTANCE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) INITIAL PLANNING. DELIMITATION OF OPERATIONS AREAS. DELIMINATION OF NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SERVICES ACTIVITIES.

(2) TRAINING.

(3) ASSESSMENT SURVEYS.

(4) REPORTING AND FORECASTING.

(5) DAY TO DAY PLANNING OF FORCES DEOPLYMENT.

(6) OPERATIONS.

D. THE TEAM WILL PROVIDE OSRO WITH FREQUENT PERIODICAL REPORTS BY TELEX ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ZONE.

E. THUS FAR THE 1975 CROP PROTECTION CAMPAIGN IS ON SCHEDULE. OSRO WILL PERIODICALLY REPORT TO YOU AS SITUATION WARRANTS AND PROGRAM DEVELOPS. VOLPE

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